

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification:

On page 1 of the English translation of the specification, above the paragraph entitled "FIELD OF THE INVENTION," please insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national stage of PCT application PCT/JP00/05639, filed August 23, 2000, which claims priority of Japanese Application Serial Number 236597/1999, filed August 24, 1999, the disclosures of all of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 9-15, with the following paragraph:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

~~FIG. 1~~The Figure (SEQ ID NOS 2, 24, 20 and 25, respectively, in order of appearance) shows the comparison of commonness of amino acids in EXAMPLE 1. A ~~common~~Common amino acid residues are shown with squares surrounding them. Since phenyl alanine (F) and tyrosine (Y) show similar steric structure, they are also indicated with squares surrounding them as well.--